

## **The Historic Greenfield Preservation Advisory Council of Botetourt County**

Minutes for Tuesday August 16, 2022

Greenfield Education Center, Room 229 at 3:00 p.m.

**Call to order** at 3:04 p.m. – Jim Johnston called this meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

**Roll Call** – Council secretary Wendy Warren took the roll call.

Present: Jim Johnston, Lynne Bolton, Roblyn Brand, Will Dibling, Danny Kyle, Keith McMurry, Beth Pappas, Ann Morgan, Jon Lanford, Tiffany Bradbury, and Curtis Brown (on MS Teams)

Unable to attend: Steve Clinton, Cheryl Sullivan-Willis, Eugene Journiette and Edward Preston

Guest: Kevin Riddle

**Minutes** - Wendy Warren emailed out the draft meeting minutes in advance of this meeting. Lynne Bolton made a motion to approve the July 19 meeting minutes, and Beth Pappas seconded. All approved by voice vote consensus.

Danny Kyle introduced his guest, Kevin Riddle. Kevin is an 18th century craftsman skilled in woodworking and copper smithing and came to this meeting to find out the latest news on Historic Greenfield.

**Staff update** – Jon Lanford reported there were no finance changes since the last meeting. Jon approved three recent invoices to be paid, one of which was for the plaque.

Jon sent the RFP to a contractor list created by Mike Pulice as far away as the northern Shenandoah Valley and east of Lynchburg. A few contractors asked questions, but no bids were made. This is the third time RFPs were sent with no bids coming in. Does the Council need to change its focus? This news is a setback, but we should wait for Steve Clinton to come to the next meeting before any decisions are made. Contractors are intimidated by the public procurement requirements (bonding requirement, bidding process and paperwork).

Jim knows a company located in Caroline County that might be able to do the work and will follow up with them.

Should Council increase the scope of the work and add more structural work? This conversation will get tabled for the next meeting.

**Historic Greenfield Video** – Danny Kyle thanked Jon Lanford for sending out the secure video link so Council members could review the video. The county attorney is working on securing the copyright and is not done yet. The video is complete, but Ian Kyle could make edits if needed.

**Brick Pavers Fundraiser** – Beth Pappas recently received one \$150 brick order. Some people won't buy a brick until they can see more results.

**Former Member Recognition** – Lynne Bolton showed everyone the former member recognition plaque from All Star Impressions.

**Grants** – Roblyn Brand reported that the grants committee has a meeting scheduled for early September and will make a report at the next meeting.

**Development Committee** - Jim Johnston would like to approach business in the Greenfield community. Gary Larrowe has given his approval for Council members to meet with these businesses and inform them of what is going on at Historic Greenfield. This is an important committee tasked with developing mutually benefitting relationships with businesses inside and around the park. Western Virginia Water Authority and Appalachian Power have a business relationship in the area as well.

Jim appointed Ann Morgan and Curtis Brown to serve with him and Steve Clinton on this new committee.

**Upcoming Events** - Lynne Bolton invited everyone to a 250th anniversary celebration dinner at the Kyle House on September 24. The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. Tickets can be obtained from Historic Fincastle Inc.

The Fincastle Festival will be earlier that day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be a big celebration of Botetourt County's 250th anniversary. The Council is invited to set up a free information table and hand out literature about Historic Greenfield. This will be a big event with TV coverage from two stations and the Fincastle Herald.

It would be nice if members could find a new give away to hand out at this event. How about a cookie recipe from early Greenfield? Danny said he would look for a recipe.

Members decided not to pursue an information table at the Sunflower Festival because of the expense and length of the event.

October 21 is a Founders Day dinner at the Botetourt County Historical Society, and Council could set up an information table at that event as well.

**New Business** - Ashley Webb of the Historical Society of Western Virginia published a book celebrating the 250th anniversary of Botetourt County and is for sale in its gift shop.

Danny recently met with Edward's cousin who has an original sale receipt signed by Col. William Preston for the land he purchased in 1759. He will come to a future meeting and show it to everyone.

Jon sent the RFP to a preservation contractor list created by Mike Pulice

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. The next meeting will be a hybrid one on Tuesday September 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy H. Warren, Secretary